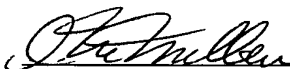


REMARKS

A principal purpose of this Preliminary Amendment to the divisional application is to restrict the claims to the non-elected method of lightening skin claims, Group III in the Restriction Requirement of November 14, 2002, in parent application 10/120,156 filed April 11, 2002. Applicants reserve the right to file another divisional application to non-elected Group II of said Restriction Requirement.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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